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FOR VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652:X-GDS1

TAGS:PORC, SZ, IT

SUBJECT:VATICAN HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN UN SSOD

REF: A) ROME 7407, B) STATE 101367

1. ISSUE OF SWITZERLAND AND HOLY SEE ADDRESSING THE  
SSOD WAS NOT RESOLVED AT FIFTH SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING WHICH ENDED APRIL 21. PROBLEM HAS NOW BEEN  
REFERRED TO THE SSOD ITSELF, WHICH OPENS MAY 23.

2. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HELPFUL ROLE THAT THE  
HOLY SEE HAS AND, WE ARE CONFIDENT, WILL CONTINUE TO  
PLAY IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD. WE ARE PARTICULARLY AWARE  
OF THE RECENT DECISION TO FOREGO A SPECIFIC PAPAL

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DENUNCIATION OF THE ER WEAPON.

3. THESE FACTORS WERE FULLY CONSIDERED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S  
DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD US POSITION ON HEARING  
NON-MEMBERS IN THE UN PLENARY, I.E., ONLY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO ADDRESS THE PLENARY.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT OBSERVERS AND OTHERS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY DISCUSSION OF AN ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO

TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP BY ADDRESSING ONE OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE SSOD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION HAS BEEN EXPLAINED IN DETAIL TO MONSIGNOR CHELI, THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE HOLY SEE IN NEW YORK. SHOULD THE VATICAN OFFICE FEEL IT DESIRABLE, A SIMILAR EXPLANATION MIGHT BE MADE TO THE HOLY SEE IN ROME, DRAWING ON THE MATERIAL PROVIDED ABOVE.

6. FYI. IN THE PAST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS HEARD ADDRESSES BY INDIVIDUALS NOT REPRESENTING MEMBER STATES - E.G., POPE PAUL VI, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, ETC. HOWEVER, ON THESE OCCASIONS GA HAS BEEN FORMALLY ADJOURNED SO THAT QUESTION OF THEIR ADDRESSING A FORMAL SESSION DOES NOT ARISE. SUBSEQUENTLY, GA SESSION WAS RECONVENED IN FORMAL SESSION. END FYI

7. FOR BERN: YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AND REFTEL B AS YOU THINK NECESSARY IN EXPLAINING OUR POSITION TO THE SWISS, ADDING THAT WE AGREE THAT SWISS HAVE A MAJOR  
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CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO UN ON DISARMAMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN BEST BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF SWISS MEMBERSHIP IN UN. CHRISTOPHER

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